

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A display panel manufacturing method, for connecting a pair of substrates arranged in opposition via a bonding agent arranged on a plurality of barrier ribs formed in a specific pattern on at least one of the substrates, the display panel manufacturing method comprising:

an indentation forming process for forming at least one indentation ~~on a top~~ in a center of each barrier rib top, when viewed widthwise; and

a bonding agent arranging process for arranging the bonding agent in the indentations.

25. (Original) The display panel manufacturing method of Claim 24, the barrier rib pattern being formed by pressing a pattern-forming member onto the barrier rib forming material, the barrier rib forming material being arranged in a layer of a specific thickness, and

the indentation forming process is performed simultaneously with the barrier rib pattern formation when the pattern-forming member is pressed onto the barrier rib forming material.

26. (Currently Amended) The display panel manufacturing process of ~~one of Claims 24 and 25~~ Claim 24, wherein the bonding agent arranging process is performed by injecting the bonding agent into the indentations using a nozzle.

27. (Currently Amended) A display panel manufacturing method, for connecting a pair of substrates arranged in opposition via a bonding agent arranged on a plurality of barrier

ribs formed in a specific pattern on at least one of the substrates, wherein a process for arranging the bonding agent on the barrier ribs includes:

an attaching process for attaching a ~~first~~ bonding agent positioning member to the barrier ribs;

a first removing process for removing parts of the bonding agent positioning member attached to the barrier rib top's at positions corresponding to the specific pattern, to form a groove along each barrier rib top;

a bonding agent filling process for filling the grooves with the bonding agent, while maintaining the relative positions of the grooves and the barrier rib tops;

a first removing process for forming holes in the first member at positions corresponding to tops of the barrier ribs;

a bonding agent filling process for filling the holes in the first member with the bonding agent; and

a second removing process for removing the remaining ~~first member~~ bonding agent positioning member.

28. (Currently Amended) The display panel manufacturing method of Claim 27, wherein the ~~adhesion~~ attaching process is performed by ~~applying the first~~ attaching the bonding agent positioning member to the barrier ribs after a an even connecting layer is formed on either the barrier ribs or the ~~first~~ bonding agent positioning member.

29. (Currently Amended) The display panel manufacturing method of ~~one of Claims 27 and 28~~ Claim 27, wherein the first removing process forms holes removes parts of the

bonding agent positioning member attached to the tops of the barrier ribs by irradiating the surface of the ~~first~~ bonding agent positioning member with a laser.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Original) The display panel manufacturing method of Claim 29, wherein a material used for the barrier rib tops absorbs laser light more easily than a material used for other parts of the barrier ribs.

32-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The display panel manufacturing method of ~~one of Claims 27 to 34~~ Claim 27, wherein the second removing process removes the remainder of the ~~first~~ bonding agent positioning member using one of peeling, melting and sublimation.

36-59. (Cancelled)

60. (New) The display panel manufacturing process of Claim 25, wherein the bonding agent arranging process is performed by injecting the bonding agent into the indentations using a nozzle.

61. (New) The display panel manufacturing method of Claim 28, wherein the first removing process removes part of the bonding agent positioning member attached to the tops of the barrier ribs by irradiating the surface of the bonding agent positioning member with a laser,

62. (New) The display panel manufacturing method of Claim 24, wherein the bonding agent is arranged on the barrier ribs using a compound including a substance which is more difficult to melt the bonding agent.

63. (New) The display panel manufacturing method of Claim 27, wherein the bonding agent is arranged on the barrier ribs using a compound including a substance which is more difficult to melt the bonding agent.